

House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5134

House of Representatives, March 3, 2000

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning The Appointment Of Special Juvenile Prosecutors And Special Inspectors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 51-285 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
- 2 is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (a) The Chief State's Attorney may appoint special assistant state's
- 4 attorneys, [and] special deputy assistant state's attorneys, special
- 5 <u>juvenile prosecutors and special inspectors</u> on a contractual basis for a
- 6 temporary period of time.
- 7 (b) Upon the request of the Attorney General, the Chief State's
- 8 Attorney may designate any attorney requested by the Attorney
- 9 General as a special assistant state's attorney to prosecute any criminal
- offense, except violations of titles 9, 14, 18, 29, 46a, 53 and 53a, chapters
- 11 420b and 420c of title 21a and sections 17b-97 and 17b-99. If such
- designation of any attorney is denied, the Chief State's Attorney shall

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- 13 state the reasons for such denial in writing.
- 14 (c) The Chief State's Attorney may designate any assistant state's
- attorney from [his] the office of the Chief State's Attorney or any other
- assistant state's attorney on request of the appropriate state's attorney
- 17 for appointment as a special assistant United States attorney to assist in
- 18 the investigation and prosecution of specific criminal matters in federal
- 19 court.

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 37 Nay 0 JF

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Division of Criminal Justice

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

This bill conforms statute to current practice and results in no fiscal impact. Currently, there are three special juvenile prosecutors who earn \$26.00 per hour and one special inspector who earns \$34.00 per hour. All are employed by the Division of Criminal Justice.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JUVENILE PROSECUTORS AND SPECIAL INSPECTORS

SUMMARY:

This bill allows the chief state's attorney to temporarily hire special juvenile prosecutors and special inspectors by contract. Currently, he may contract with special assistant state's attorneys and special deputy assistant state's attorneys for a temporary period of time, which is not

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defined. The Criminal Justice Commission appoints state's attorneys in most other circumstances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

BACKGROUND

Inspectors

Inspectors investigate crimes, gather evidence, and carry out such other tasks as the state's attorneys assign. The chief state's attorney appoints four chief inspectors to assist all the state's attorneys on a statewide basis. He also appoints as many other inspectors as, in his opinion, he needs to carry out the criminal business of his office and determines how many inspectors the state's attorneys can hire for their respective judicial districts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report Yea 37 Nay 0